

New GEC play area takes shape



Lottery money is going towards reshaping the former GEC field. Many of you will have seen the new path and exercise equipment being placed around the field, along with new landscaping. This project has seen young people from the surrounding schools join forces with local Councillors and officers to help design the area. We are becoming aware of concerns, especially around nuisance and possible abuse of the area and

we will be seeking assurances from the Police and Council officers that they will be monitoring the area closely to act upon the concerns raised by local residents.

If you wish to know more about the scheme or want to raise any concerns, contact: Mr P Larcombe • Rugby Borough Council • Town Hall • Evreux Way • Rugby • Tel - 01788-533533.

If you notice any vandalism or nuisance behaviour contact the Safer Neighbourhood Team 01788 853846 or the Council Community Wardens number 0800 096 8800



Sustainable growth is our response

The growth debate continues. Liberal Democrats have presented a response to the options paper that is proposing over 6,000 homes for the mast site. We need to see quality houses built for life, with local energy solutions and green buffer zones.

These are just some of the key points for any future development.

A meeting was held at Hillmorton Primary School at which David Locke Associates, who are acting for the landowners, presented outline ideas as to what the development would look like. The well-attended meeting saw local residents raise a number of concerns from roads and traffic to the flood plain, and there was a call for a country park and green buffer along the canal. Liberal Democrats will keep the pressure on and will campaign to ensure that the character of our area is maintained and that council taxpayers are not penalised for this growth.

A walk on the wild side



The Bluebell Walk has finally been designated an official local nature reserve, thus protecting the area for the future. This former site for the disposal of builder's materials is one of Rugby's hidden treasures. Three years ago, Sustainable Rugby with the support of your councillors put forward a concept of creating a sustainable open space and wildlife habitat. We gave the site the title 'The

Bluebell Project' and set about planting English species of bluebells and other native plants and trees in the area.

Local meetings were held and the engagement of the community sought. The bluebells were planted by local children and community volunteers under the supervision of the school and the parks department. An audit was undertaken by Warwickshire Wildlife Trust and community volunteers to identify the large number of birds, mammals, invertebrates and plants occupying the site. This led to the site being identified as a site of local natural and scientific interest. Abbots Farm Primary School. The Rotary Club along with local residents and your local Lib Dem Councillors have all worked hard to get this area the status it deserves. Phase two is now being discussed with council officers and we shall seek to improve and enhance the whole area. We would like to thank all of you who have participated in this project and if you would like to know more or want to see further enhancements please get in touch.

Shame on them

Once again local Councillors are calling for the council and the owner of the Abbots Farm shopping parade to act before some one is seriously hurt. The Landowner is not willing to work with the community. Your Liberal Democrat councillors have asked council officers to use the law and to stop dithering over this matter, we will not rest until we see this area improved and the owner shamed into action.



Neil, Jerry & Sue inspecting the site

A lot of improvements to be done!

Following a lengthy campaign your Lib Dem councillors working with local residents, have seen the council take action at long last with Eastlands allotments.

Following months of vandalism and damage to plots, improvements are now underway with new entry gates, and improved fencing of certain areas. This along with the defensive planting should make the area more secure. The council is also planning on bringing plot holders back together to discuss future improvements and management of the site, which now has a waiting list.



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“Take up campaign, who benefits?”

With the financial position hitting increasing numbers of individuals in the Rugby area, Warwickshire Welfare Rights Advice Service has launched its “Take up Campaign” along with Rugby Credit Union.

Both are available to offer help and advice during these hard times.

For further details contact:

- **Warwickshire Welfare Rights** e-mail info@wwras.org.uk benefit enquiry line **0845 241 0396** 10am till 1pm Monday to Friday www.wwras.org.uk main office **02476 372069**
- **Rugby Credit Union** CVS House Telephone: **01788 57790** email: rugbycreditunion@btconnect.com Office hours: 10.00 3.00 Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.

Don't wait till it's too late, get in touch now!

Liberal Democrats say, “Let's talk because you and communities matter”



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